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January 16, 2002

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Thank you for sending this item to us.

Thrive,

Eric P. Newman, President



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July 10, 2002

Dear John:

I just learned that the stolen ANS 1793 Cent Sheldon 11a has been located. The possessor is a widow of the collector who bought it about 20 years ago. They asked for the switched in coin. If you have any thoughts on this I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman



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May 5, 2003

Dear John:

Your April 7, 2003 letter was most enlightening. I appreciate all of the detail you revealed and realize how much work you put into it.

As to Templeton Reid I still believe there is a good possibility that an extra set of original dies of both the \$10 and the \$25 could have been in the junk and available to Nagy after analyzing what you state and that the copper patterns are from the extra set of dies sent in from California as to each denomination . Your points (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) could occur from the same set of punches used to make each set of dies. In your (d) the serif could have been separately punched in but at a different angle. In your (e) the 8 is created by using an elliptical punch twice which could cause the 8 to look different. The new \$10 and \$25 pieces are the result of the use of the same punches would be normal for the preparation of an extra set of dies after the first using the punches for the original set of dies. I just believe the extra set of dies were found in the junk and were not made by Nagy. Where is my thinking illogical?

As to the \$20 USAOG dies you indicate that you believe a reverse die was available. If so why not more than one and an obverse die or two. If Nagy parted with an obverse die and a reverse die the Arizona hoard could easily have been prepared from them. I have two copper \$20 1853 USAOG pieces which are identical and I will send



one for your examination if you wish. I think these were struck by Nagy from extra dies in the junk and differ from the Arizona hoard set of dies. As you know Kagan says there were many sets of dies. Please let me know if you wish to see one of them. They do not have the same die dents as the Arizona hoard die dents.

As to the \$5 Schultz over 8 real Mexico in your (6) it was in the hands of Kosoff just before the Arizona hoard trial occurred and I was told that to play a joke on Kosoff that it was borrowed and a fake copy made and returned to Kosoff who didn't know the difference. Then they had a laugh and gave back to Kosoff the original piece. This would obviously be a Massapequa stunt and not a Nagy product. It was just that simple. You probably will agree.

You sent a portion of the Mehl inventory of the Newcomer Pioneer Gold and I would appreciate a full copy of it.

It may interest you to know my current term on the Council of ANS expires this fall and I have chosen not to stand for re-election. The bylaws to be adopted limit the length of term and I have been a councilor for decades. Although the term limit is a grandfather clause as to me I am accepting it as though it applied. I am retaining my position of guiding the Clapp cent recovery program.

I just returned from Cuba and was there when the dissidents were put in jail and the hijackers eliminated. It was a fascinating experience.

It is amazing to me that you are graduating as a LLD already and congratulations for being the first person who went into the law because of a coin experience.

My best,



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ERIC P. NEWMAN, PRESIDENT

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Peter Hovey - Arch - ed. dept (EPN collection)  
 Thurs next week Betty also.  
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